

2010 Flood Outlook

How to Prepare Before It Rains



- **Be Informed**

[Watch the City TV-18 Flood Preparedness Information](#)

Meeting Online Broadcast for information on City and County flood planning efforts and how individuals and families can prepare for flood emergencies.

- **Know Flood Terms and Definitions**

Flood/Flash Flood Watch: Expected rainfall could cause creeks, streams, and/or rivers to overflow. Conditions create a threat of flooding but the occurrence is not certain or imminent.

Flood Warning: Main rivers or important creeks are expected to reach or exceed flood stage. Flooding is imminent and there could be a serious threat to life or property near major creeks.

Flash Flood Warning: Flooding caused by heavy or excessive rainfall in a short period of time is occurring or imminent. Flash flood warnings can be issued as a result of torrential rains, a dam failure, or ice jam.

Debris Flow: A form of rapid mass movement in which a combination of loose soil, rock, and organic matter, air, and water mobilize as a slurry that flows downslope.

- **Know Your Neighborhood's Risk**

[Arroyo Burro/San Roque Upper](#)

[San Roque Area](#)

[Mission—Stanwood Area](#)

[Upper Sycamore Area](#)

[Lower Sycamore Area](#)

[Santa Barbara City 100-Year Flood Map](#)

[Santa Barbara County Flood Zone Look Up—Online Map Resource](#)

- **Fill Sand Bags Before It Rains**

[City Sand Bag Policy/Poliza de Sacos de Arena](#)

[County of Santa Barbara Sand Bag Information](#)

- **Prevent and Respond to Property Flooding**

[County Flood Control Homeowners Guide for Flood Prevention and Response](#)

